# **Senate District F**

# Gene P. Therriault, Republican



**DATE OF BIRTH:** January 31, 1960

NAME OF SPOUSE: Jo

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** 

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OCCUPATION: Business owner, legislator

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 42 years

Fairbanks and North Pole

## **EDUCATION:**

North Pole High School, 1978, Diploma; University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1978-1983, A.A. Computer Information Systems, B.A. Business Administration.

# POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Alaska House of Representatives, 1993-2000; Alaska State Senate, 2000-2002; senator, Associated Students, University of Alaska, 1982.

# **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Board of directors, North Pole Paper Printing and Office Products, 1987-1991; shareholder, Hector's Welding; partner, T.H.E. company.

## **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Family activities

### OTHER:

Member, St. Nicholas Parish.

#### STATEMENT:

Alaska is transitioning through an important point in its development and the decisions made by the next Legislature will be critical to our long-term well being. The challenges of this new century will require leadership, honesty and a willingness to do what is right.

### **Priorities:**

# **Control State Spending**

- Budget Reserve limit that works
- Protect the Corpus of the Permanent Fund
- · Look for General Fund savings

# **Quality of Life**

- Early education funding
- Public safety
- Maintain roads and other infrastructure
- Jobs for Alaskans

# **Economic Diversification**

- Stable tax policy
- Reasonable and understandable regulations
- Business incentives
- Economic infrastructure
- Promote sensible resource development and tourism

# Legislative Reform

Control staff levels

Alaska's future lies with its people and our ability to develop our non-petroleum resources. To assist in this endeavor, our leaders must ensure a business climate that will attract investment to diversify our economy.

As a part owner of an Alaskan business (Hector's Welding), I understand the burden of government regulations place on business and the heavy manner in which they are often enforced. I believe every piece of legislation should be scrutinized to determine its economic impact.

Although the past few Legislatures have made significant strides toward encouraging business development and moving to a sustainable level of spending, we must continue to be vigilant and constantly re-evaluate to determine what services are necessary and affordable.

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